

State of Illinois Waiver of IFTA Penalty and Interest Regarding Northern Illinois Tornadoes April 14, 2015

On April 10, 2015, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner declared the counties of DeKalb and Ogle as disaster areas due to devastation caused by severe storms and a series of tornadoes that ripped across northern Illinois on April 9th. These storms have killed two people, injured a dozen more, and have destroyed dozens of homes and businesses. In response to this Declaration, the Illinois Department of Revenue will grant an International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) penalty and interest waiver to those individuals and businesses directly impacted by these tornadoes. This waiver applies to Illinois-based IFTA licensees who may find it difficult to file and pay timely their first and second IFTA quarterly returns as a result of these storms. Waivers apply only to penalty and interest owed to the State of Illinois and/or to another IFTA state or province that authorizes the State of Illinois to waive its interest. IFTA licensees taking advantage of this waiver must have their first and second quarterly returns filed and paid by October 31, 2015.

Taxpayers must acknowledge their declared disaster status when filing their first and second quarter IFTA returns with the Illinois Department of Revenue. In order to qualify for the penalty and interest waiver, taxpayers must have been unable to meet their filing obligations due to storm damage, loss, or power outage.

This waiver is for the filing of IFTA returns only and does not waive IFTA registration and credentialing requirements.

For additional information, please visit our web site at <u>tax.illinois.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Trent Knoles, IL IFTA Commissioner